

**United States Bankruptcy Court for the Eastern District of Washington**

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**Number of Judgeships:** 3

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**Patricia C. Williams**  
Chief Bankruptcy Judge

Date of Birth: 1948  
Education: Gonzaga JD  
Began Service: July 14, 1997  
Term Expires: July 13, 2011

**Legal Practice:** Winston Cashatt (1976-1997)

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**Frank L. Kurtz**  
Bankruptcy Judge

Date of Birth: 1946  
Education: Gonzaga 1974 JD  
Began Service: 2005

**Judicial:** Judge, Washington Court of Appeals, Division III (1996-2005)

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**John A. Rossmeissl**

Bankruptcy Judge (recalled)

Date of Birth: 1940

Education: Washington State 1962 BA; Chicago 1965 JD  
Began Service: 1987

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Began Service: November 2005  
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**Number of Judgeships:** 8

**Areas Covered:** Counties of Clallam, Clark, Cowlitz, Grays Harbor,  
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**Robert S. Lasnik**  
Chief Judge

Date of Birth: 1951

Education: Brandeis 1972 AB; Northwestern 1973 MS, 1974 MA;  
U Washington 1978 JD

Began Service: December 2, 1998

Appointed By: President William J. Clinton

**Academic:** Lecturer, University of Washington School of Law (1980)

**Government:** Deputy Prosecutor, Office of the Prosecutor, Criminal  
Division, County of King, Washington (1978-1981); Senior Deputy  
Prosecutor, Office of the Prosecutor, County of King, Washington  
(1981-1983); Chief of Staff, Office of the Prosecutor, County of King,  
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**Judicial:** Judge, Washington Superior Court, King County (1990-1998)

**Current Memberships:** Washington State Bar Association

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**Barbara Jacobs Rothstein**  
District Judge

Date of Birth: 1939

Education: Cornell 1960 BA; Harvard 1966 LLB

Began Service: February 20, 1980

Appointed By: President Jimmy Carter

**Affiliation:** Director, Federal Judicial Center

**Academic:** Faculty, Washington (1975-1977)

**Government:** Assistant Attorney General, Office of the Attorney General,  
State of Washington (1969-1977)

**Judicial:** Judge, King County Superior Court (1977-1980); Chief Judge,  
United States District Court for the Western District of Washington  
(1987-1994)

**Legal Practice:** Widett & Kruger (1966-1968)

**Current Memberships:** American Bar Association; American Bar  
Foundation; American Judicature Society; American Law Institute;  
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**Marsha Jean Pechman**  
District Judge

Date of Birth: 1951

Education: Cornell 1973 BA; Boston U 1976 JD

Began Service: October 4, 1999

Appointed By: President William J. Clinton

**Academic:** Instructor/Staff Attorney, University of Washington School of  
Law (1979-1981); Adjunct Faculty, University of Washington School of  
Law (1983-1987); Visiting Clinical Professor, University of Puget Sound  
(now Seattle University) School of Law (1986-1987)

**Clerkships:** Law Clerk/Limited Practice Intern, Greater Boston Legal  
Services (1975-1976)

**Government:** Deputy Prosecutor, Criminal Division, King County  
Prosecutor's Office (1976-1979)

**Judicial:** Superior Court Judge, King County Superior Court (1988-1999)

**Legal Practice:** Associate, Levinson, Friedman, Vhugen, Duggan, Bland &  
Horowitz (1981-1986); Partner, Levinson, Friedman, Vhugen, Duggan,  
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**Current Memberships:** Federal Judges Association; Seattle-King County  
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**Ronald B. Leighton**  
District Judge

Date of Birth: May 30, 1951

Education: Whitworth 1973 BA; Hastings 1976 JD

Began Service: November 26, 2002

Appointed By: President George W. Bush

**Legal Practice:** Partner, Gordon, Thomas, Honeywell, Malanca, Peterson &  
Daheim L.L.P. (1976-2002)

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